Committee has since been constituted in the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. The Committee is expected to submit its report within a period of six months.

(c) and (d) There are proposals for setting up a Petroleum Training School and an Oil Museum in Assam. Final decision in regard to Petroleum Training School is yet to be taken by Government. For setting up of Oil Museum in Assam, a trust has been formed in the name of K.D. Malaviya National Oil Museum in August, 1999, the museum is to be set up with contribution by the oil companies and by the OIDB. Eight Bighas of land have been allotted by Government of Assam and further action is in process.

LPG dealers in Assam

4221. SHRI PRAKANTA WARISA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the details of LPG dealers functioning in Assam and the number of connections with each of them;

(b) whether the most of these dealers are black marketing LPG cylinders by showing the shortage of LPG;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to take any action in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) The total number of LPG distributors of PSU Oil Companies operating in the State of Assam as on 1-1-2000, was 151 and the LPG customer population enrolled with these distributors as on 1-1-2000, was about 8.55 lakhs.

(b) to(d) No established case of malpractice related to black marketing of LPG Cyclinders have been received by Oil Marketing Companies during the period April, 99 to Feb., 2000 in the State of Assam.

Exemption for Payment of Central Sales Tax to RPL

4222. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Reliance Petroleum Ltd. has got any exemption for payment of Central Sales Tax (CST);